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House Resolution 390

By: Representative Jones of the 44<sup>th</sup>

## **A RESOLUTION**

1 Recognizing and commending the National Wildlife Federation's Earth Tomorrow program;

- 2 and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, since the National Wildlife Federation was implemented in the Atlanta
- 4 Metropolitan area in 2001, it has engaged over 700 youth in intensive community leadership
- 5 development initiatives, conservation field studies, and environmental service learning
- 6 projects; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the Earth Tomorrow program is a community based, comprehensive,
- 8 multidisciplinary classroom and after-school club program designed to leverage community
- 9 resources and bring high school students, teachers, and civic leaders together in community
- 10 initiatives that help urban teens better understand their local environment; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the Earth Tomorrow program builds community capacity to motivate ethnically
- diverse and economically disadvantaged groups of Atlanta youth who may not necessarily
- demonstrate an interest in the environment to develop lifelong habits of environmental
- 14 stewardship and community service; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the overall goals of the Earth Tomorrow program include increasing
- 16 environmental literacy; promoting teenage civic engagement; developing a supportive
- 17 network for youth to engage in and address local environmental issues; introducing students
- 18 to a myriad of career paths in environmental science, engineering, health, and natural
- 19 resource management; and providing outdoor experiences for high schools students that
- 20 foster enjoyment and appreciation of the natural world; and
- 21 WHEREAS, the Earth Tomorrow program has brought Atlanta high school educators and
- 22 community members together with teen leaders to provide educational resources that were
- 23 not previously available, providing youths with role models and opportunities to make a
- 24 difference in their communities.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that

- 2 the members of this body recognize the National Wildlife Federation's Earth Tomorrow
- 3 program and commend its tireless devotion to environmental education and conservation and
- 4 its extensive service to the youth of the State of Georgia.
- 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the National Wildlife
- 7 Federation.